

## ANSELL BELIEVED BERGDOLL HID GOLD

Letter Asking Release of  
Slacker Said Truth Was  
Indicated.

WASHINGTON, April 30.—The House committee investigating the escape of G. C. Bergdoll, Philadelphia draft evader, put into its record to-day the report of Col. Thomas G. Donaldson, assistant to the Inspector General of the Army, and will begin examination of witnesses next week.

The report quoted a letter written by Samuel T. Ansell, former acting Judge Advocate-General of the Army, and counsel for the fugitive, to the effect that Bergdoll had apprehended a family desire to control his share of the money inherited from his father and was known to have buried a large sum of money, which was later recovered.

"He now declares he also hid a second large sum, the remainder of his fortune (\$150,000), in a lonely spot on the mountainside, distant about a day's journey from Washington," Mr. Ansell wrote to Adjutant-General Harris, in asking release of the prisoner under guard to find it, "that he placed the gold coin in a metal container and took it himself, unaccompanied, and hid it in a spot which he alone can identify. Circumstances indicate the truth of his statement."

Bergdoll escaped during the trip which resulted from this application, and Col. Donaldson said Mr. Ansell had said he would be morally responsible for the return of the prisoner and that the thought of Bergdoll's escape never occurred to him.

### ESTATES APPRAISED.

CHARLOTTE LEDERER (November 3, 1919), leaving an estate of \$127,150. Nephews and nieces, Maurice S. Bondy, 14 East Sixtieth street; William Bondy, 149 Broadway; receive \$10,779 each; Regina Bondy, 14 East Sixtieth street, \$10,111; Rosalie Bondy, same address, \$10,821; Agnes Bondy, 51 East Seventy-third street, \$5,639; Flora Nordlinger, 271 Central Park West, \$7,236; Mathilda Weiss, Honesdale, Pa., \$7,528; Carrie Weiss, same address, \$1,384. The Montefiore Home, receiving \$10,000, is the principal institution benefited.

ANNA TOWNSEND VAN SANTVOORD (December 23, 1919), leaving an estate of \$20,760. Bequests of \$20,000 are made to the Women's Union Missionary Society, to the Women's Board of Foreign Missions and to each of the following nieces and nephews: Dorothy M. S. Pyle and Anita M. S. Pyle, both of 322 West Seventy-fifth street; Charles Townsend Olcott and Mason Olcott, all of 322 West Seventy-fifth street; Alfred Van S. Merle-Smith, both of Washington; Sisters, Katherine Van S. Olcott, of 322 West Seventy-fifth street, and Zaidie Van S. Merle-Smith of 520 Park place, receive \$19,036 each; Cousin, Anna H. Hawley, Pompton Lake, N. J., receives \$15,000. Other bequests are City Missions, \$5,000; the Rev. Wilton M. Smith, \$10,000 for religious purposes; the Rev. Henry R. Brown, \$10,000 for Christian education.

JULIUS SHONGOOD (January 14, 1920), leaving an estate of \$125,301. His wife, Nellie B. Shongood, 27 East Ninety-fifth street, has a life interest in \$124,945.

JOSEPH H. CLARKE, St. Louis, Mo. (August 20, 1920), leaving an estate of \$28,255, with \$58,800 taxable in New York. Sister, Elsie Clemmer Clarke, of St. Louis, receives the entire estate.

EDWARD WACKERHAGEN, Fort Lee, N. J. (August 21, 1919), leaving a large estate with \$178,402 taxable in New York. Wife and daughter, Barbara and Minnie Wackerhagen, both of Fort Lee, receive a 42.5 per cent. interest each in the estate. Sons, Edward and Paul Wackerhagen, of Fairview, N. J., and G. West 152d street, receive a 7.5 per cent. interest each.

WILLIAM P. WARD (July 12, 1919), leaving an estate of \$85,191. Wife, Helen Edwards Ward, Twickenham, England, receives \$2,505; daughter, Annie L. Scott, of London, England, receives a life interest in \$22,500.

HENRIET G. KING, Detroit, Mich. (May 27, 1920), leaving a personal estate of \$107,664, with \$44,410 taxable in New York. The estate goes to nephews and nieces, Chester H. King and Caroline Jenny, both of Syracuse, N. Y., receiving a quarter each; and Mary S. King, John L. King and S. Bowles King, all of Winnetka, Ill., receiving one-sixth each.

SARA SEBASTIAN RIKER, Newark, N. J. (December 21, 1920), leaving an estate of \$80,000, with \$28,000 taxable in New York. Son and daughters, Joseph M. Riker, Maria R. Conklin, Sara R. Van Blarcom, all of Newark, and Margaret S. Paxon, of Washington, Pa., receive one-fourth the estate each.

CLARENCE A. STEADMAN, Washington, D. C. (September 19, 1920), leaving a personal estate of \$125,000, with \$8,535 taxable in New York. Sons, Mary K. Lambert, Elizabeth L. Ka Goro, Benjamin F. Lambert, all of Washington; Margaret S. Reynolds and William M. Steadman, both of Dorchester, Mass., receive \$1,000 each. Wife, Isabelle D. Steadman, of Washington, is residuary legatee.

FREDERICK W. GUNTHER (February 17, 1920), leaving an estate of \$80,371. Wife, Caroline A. Gunther, Hotel Plaza, has a life interest in the whole estate.

FRANCIS WAXLER (November 28, 1919), leaving an estate of \$112,841. Daughter, Julia A. Whiteford, 22 West Twenty-third street, and Karl W. Grouzbach, 14 West 122d street, receive \$47,170 each. Their children, Frances A. and Frank W. Grouzbach and Marjorie A. Whiteford, receive \$5,000 each.

THEODORE W. MYERS (March 19, 1919), leaving an estate of \$500,101. Wife, Rose E. Myers, has a life interest in \$100,000 and \$29,103 outright.

MARY A. WHITE (January 30, 1919), leaving an estate of \$41,000. Sons and daughter, Martin J. White, 200 Riverside Drive; Andrew J. White and William T. White, both of Mount Morris Park West, and Mary W. Talley, 200 Riverside Drive, receive one-fourth the estate each.

LOUISE CASWELL ADENAU (September 20, 1920), leaving an estate of \$44,338. Husband, Julius K. Adenau, 161 East Sixty-fourth street, has an annuity of \$1,200. Son and daughter, Arthur P. F. Adenau, Flushing, L. I., and Alice A. Parks, 101 East Sixty-fourth street, receive \$19,984 each.

DANIEL C. BORDLEY, St. Louis, Mo. (October 3, 1920), leaving a personal estate of \$12,000, with \$1,282 taxable in New York. Wife, Blanche Bordley, St. Louis, receives a half interest; brother and sister, Charles B. and Helen Bordley, Los Angeles, Cal., receive one-fourth interest each.

MARIE C. POWELL (August 2, 1920), leaving an estate of \$69,207. Wife, W. L. Power, Great Neck, L. I., receives the whole estate.

SUE L. GREEN, Trenton, N. J. (July 4, 1920), leaving an estate of \$17,482, with \$2,585 taxable in New York. Sister, Mathilda E. Hilson, of Trenton, receives an annuity of \$41,000. Sons, William and Charles Green of Trenton, receive half the residue each.

PATTIE W. JEWELL, Baltimore, Md. (September 13, 1920), leaving a personal estate of \$82,355, with \$21,215 taxable in New York. Principal beneficiaries are nieces and nephews, Caroline H. Bromell, Thomas White Hall and William S. Hall, all of Baltimore; Thomas White Hall of Baltimore, Md.; receive \$500 and a fifth of the residue each.

JESSE T. HOYT, Cleveland, Ohio (October 11, 1920), leaving a personal estate of \$120,000, with \$14,420 taxable in New York. Son and daughter, Elton Hoyt 2d, Mentor, Ohio, and Katherine H. Mather of Cleveland, receive \$134,385 each. Grandchildren, Cornelia, James H. and Elton Hoyt 3d, Katherine C. Levi, Baltimore, Md., receive \$2,000 each.

RACHEL C. LEVI (June 12, 1920), leaving an estate of \$79,911. Daughter, Mina Engel, 261 West 147th street, receives a life estate in \$34,152. Other daughters, Florence L. Hane, Atlanta, Ga.; Bertha L. Kraus, 2345 Broadway; Ray L. Weiss, 261 Central Park West, and Godchaux C. Levi, Baltimore, Md., receive \$10,152 each.

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